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RE: Proposed "Advertising Disclosure"
Emergency Regulations

Dear Karen:

I am writing to express the CPAA's support of the FPPC's efforts to adopt emergency regulations to clarify certain ambiguities in Prop. 34's "advertising disclosure" provisions. Our members represent dozens of ballot measure and independent expenditure committees involved in the upcoming March 2002 elections which will have to comply with these provisions; the organization therefore supports the concept of an emergency regulation to make certain that all participants in the upcoming elections are "on a level playing field" when it comes to figuring out how to name their committees, what disclaimers are required on their advertisements, etc.

The CPAA would also like to offer its support to the Commission and the staff as the FPPC prepares final regulations after the March election. The CPAA can bring to the table both the expertise of our members in the legal issues raised by campaign disclosure requirements, and also the practical impact that these requirements can have on campaigns.

We look forward to the Commission's discussion of these regulations at tomorrow's meeting. Please feel free to contact me with any questions about the CPAA's position.

Sincerely,

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